

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/526,219

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 23, 2009 has been carefully considered. The Applicant has amended Claims 1-3, 10-11, 22-23, and 25-30. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 18-23 and 25-27 stand rejected as being anticipated by Gorbet. While the claims have been previously amended to include the feature of a detachable card placed on the base cards, the Examiner took the position that the amended claims do not sufficiently distinguish over the cited art. Specifically, the Examiner construe the claim such that the base is read on one game piece of Gorbet, while the detachable card is read on another piece of Gorbet. Applicant respectfully submits that such construction is unreasonably broad and cannot be sustained. Clearly each game piece of Gorbet is an independent piece and do not form a detachable cover for another piece. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant further amended the claims to clearly differentiate the base-detachable thin cover feature of the invention from the disclosure of Gorbet. Applicant respectfully submit that Gorbet fails to disclose or suggest the invention as defined by the currently amended claims.

Conclusion

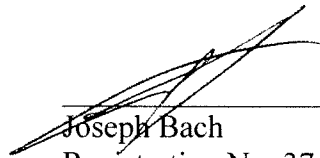
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 50-3557. Applicants petition for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain this application in force. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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